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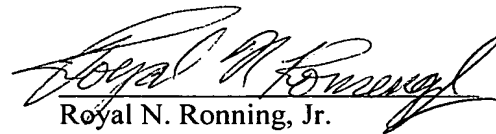
Claims 1-24 are pending in the instant application. Applicants have amended claims 1-24 to more fully conform with U.S. practice.

The enclosed substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125 is for publication purposes and does not contain any markings. It includes a new first paragraph cross referencing the related priority applications.

Applicants also provide herewith a copy of the published international application, the search report from the Patent Office of Great Britain which issued on the priority application, a copy of the non-US patent publications and Form PTO-1449 listing the references. The international search report and international preliminary examination report have not yet issued. A copy will be provided immediately upon receipt. A signed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the specification, and respectfully request their entry. Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, are in allowable form and earnestly solicited the allowance of claims 1-24.

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